

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

ROBERT HAMMERSLEY ,

Plaintiff,

v.

BARBARA DELAP, ET AL.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Case No. 14-cv-196-wmc

Plaintiff Robert Hammersley has filed a proposed civil complaint, alleging that Defendants failed to provide plaintiff with adequate dental care. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3,700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff has no dependents. He is unmarried, unemployed and his only source of income is the \$189 he receives in public assistance each month. Accordingly, plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion filed by plaintiff Robert Hammersley for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkt. # 2) is GRANTED.
2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 14th day of March, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
PETER OPPENEER
Magistrate Judge